

**2022 Legislature - Operating Budget
Wordage Report - Conf Comm Structure
B=Both Bills, O=Operating Only, M=Mental Health**

Agency: Department of Health

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Conditional Language

At the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Health, up to \$20,000,000 may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department of Health.

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Conditional Language

At the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Health, up to \$15,000,000 may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department of Health, except that no transfer may be made from the Medicaid Services appropriation, and the Department shall submit a report of transfers between appropriations that occurred during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the Legislative Finance Division by September 30, 2023.

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Ap: Public Health

Al: Nursing

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department direct \$520,000 UGF to recruitment and retention efforts in Public Health Nursing including a \$5,000 sign-on bonus and \$5,000 in relocation support for each of the vacant Public Health Nursing positions.

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Ap: Senior and Disabilities Services

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department develop a five-year plan, in collaboration with stakeholders, to eradicate the waitlist for the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities waiver and to prevent waitlists for other Home and Community Based Waivers, and submit the plan to the Co-Chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2022.

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Al: Senior and Disabilities Community Based Grants

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department distribute \$586,000 UGF, in addition to the FY22 level of grant funding for the Centers for Independent Living, to the Centers for Independent Living. It is furthermore the intent of the legislature that \$912,200, be distributed to SDS Community Based Grant recipients that provide services to Alaska seniors, in addition to their FY22 level of grant funding.

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Al: General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department increase the daily rate for General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living from \$70 to \$104.30 to reflect Alaska's inflation rate (according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Alaska) since the rate was last set on July 1, 2002.

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Ap: Departmental Support Services

AI: Commissioner's Office

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that Medicaid and AlaskaCare, along with Trustees and Retirees, convert claims data to a common layout and provide that data to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.

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Ap: Medicaid Services

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department submit the Medicaid Unrestricted General Fund Obligation Report for FY22 and the first half of FY23 to the co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by January 31st, 2023 and subsequently update the report as requested by the legislature.

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Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the department draw a minimum of 70 new individuals from the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities waiver waitlist in FY23 to receive services. The department shall submit a waiver amendment, if necessary, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to ensure costs for this increased draw will be matched with federal dollars.

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Conditional Language

No money appropriated in this appropriation may be expended for an abortion that is not a mandatory service required under AS 47.07.030(a). The money appropriated for the Department of Health may be expended only for mandatory services required under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, unless a U.S. Supreme Court decision provides new precedent, and for optional services offered by the state under the state plan for medical assistance that has been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

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AI: Medicaid Services

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the employer entities receiving the increased reimbursement rate for providing services under the Home and Community Based Service Waivers, Personal Care Assistant State Plan, Community First Choice, and the Long Term Services and Supports, Targeted Case Management programs provide a 10% increase to employee wages.

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